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Gentlemen:

My family was very pleased that the Justice Dept. and Microsoft reached agreement on the issues which surrounded the suit against Microsoft more than three years ago. We are very distressed and disturbed that several of the competitive computer companies want to continue this lawsuit in order to extract every last drop of blood that they can out of Microsoft, and at the same time feather their own nests. They have encouraged nine of the states attorneys general to continue this pursuit, and, unfortunately, some of these gentlemen, including Blumenthal of Connecticut and Miller of Iowa are not altogether altruistic in their desire to garner headlines for themselves.

We would urge you to do all in your power and with your authority to bring this suit against Microsoft to a successful conclusion so that both Microsoft and its competitors can return to the job of producing the quality of products and services that we Americans want and need.. This have been a major distraction which has had its price, and to allow this small group of disgruntled organizations to continue this outrageous pursuit is beyond reason. Especially Sun Products & Oracle have both suffered major losses in evaluation of their stock partially as a result of this continued stalemate, and bringing down Microsoft will not do a thing to improve their lot in life. Only they can do that by paying more attention to their own R & D, and less to what other companies are doing.

It has been said that ""Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies." I am afraid that in this case this saying applies.

Respectfully,

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